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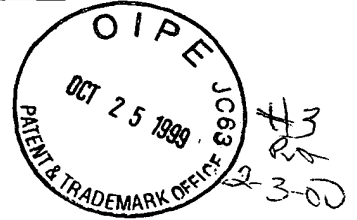
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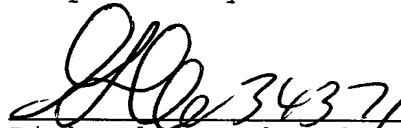
The foregoing documents came to Applicants' attention during a search of the corresponding European application. A copy of the European search report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), before the mailing of the first Office action on the merits.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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